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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

EMANUEL REDDEN,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 05-241-GMS

vs.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER DIEZ,

Defendant

Deposition of EMANUEL W. REDDEN, JR., taken pursuant to notice at the Delaware Correctional Center, 1181 Paddock Road, Smyrna, Delaware, beginning at 10:08 a.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, before Allen S. Blank, Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public.

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1		1	Michael Macon. I think that should be it.
2	EMANUEL W. REDDEN, JR.,	2	Q Okay. Have you ever gone by any nickname or street
3	the deponent herein, having first been	3	name?
4	duly sworn on oath, was examined and	4	A Yes, ma'am.
5	testified as follows:	5	Q Could you go ahead and give me that?
6	EXAMINATION	6	A Soko, S-o-k-o.
7	BY MS. TROSS:	7	Q Did you bring anything with you to this deposition?
8	Q Good morning, Mr. Redden. We are here for Emanuel	8	A Yes, ma'am.
9	Redden versus Lauro Diaz, Case No. 05-241. I represent the	9	Q Could you tell me what you brought?
10	State of Delaware, Lauro Diaz. And I just want to explain	10	A The original filing or duplicate copies of the
11	to you a couple of ground rules and a little bit about a	11	filing that I filed against Officer Diaz.
12	deposition,	12	Q So the complaint?
13	As you may know, a deposition is part of	13	A Yes, ma'am.
14	discovery. I will be asking you a series of questions and	14	Q Okay. Did you review anything in preparation for
15	your answers will be given under oath subject to the laws	15	this deposition?
16	relating to perjury. You can object to any question I ask	16	A Well, just what I had there.
17	but you still must answer the question.	17	O Which is
18	The transcriptionist or court reporter will be	18	A The original filing that I filed in Federal Court,
19	taking down all of my questions and all of your answers.	19	the State District Court of Delaware in 1983.
20	Therefore, we have to speak one at a time because the court	20	Q Okay. So your complaint?
21	reporter cannot take down what is being said if we are	21	A Yes, ma'am. That's all I have.
22	talking over one another.	22	Q Have you ever been deposed before?
23	Also, all responses must be verbal. The court	23	A No, ma'am.
24	reporter cannot take down a nod of the head or say uh-huh.	24	Q Have you ever testified in court before?
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3	from Jersey to Pennsylvania. So the deposition, they took	2	Q In what institution are you currently being housed?
4	with a video. They played before the jury, you see. And	3	A In Smyrna.
5	they just asked me certain questions like you're asking me now. But when the guard got on the stand, they made	4	Q What's the name of -
6	statements that I said I was going to kill them and rape	5	A Delaware Correctional Center.
7	their kids and all that there, you see, but I wasn't there	6	Q And how long have you been in Delaware Correctional
8	to rebut anything at all. So I lost the case.	7	Center?
9	Q Okay.	8	A Altogether?
10	A Because I couldn't be there physically.	10	Q During this present period.
11	Q Okay. At the time you filed this lawsuit against	11	A Since 2000, June 2000.
12	Officer Diaz, did you have any other lawsuits pending in	12	Q Okay. And what other housing locations have you
13	either State or Federal Court?	13	been at since June of 2000?
14	A No, ma'am.	14	A Down in Georgetown. I went down to Georgetown in
15	Q What is your date of birth?	15	June of 2004 where the incident took place.
16	A 6/21/50.	16	Q When you say Georgetown, do you mean Sussex Correctional?
17	Q And where were you born?	17	A Yes, ma'am.
18	A In Wilmington, Delaware.	18	
19	Q Where did you grow up?	19	Q Okay. Now we are going to get into a little bit about your complaint. Who is Lauro Diaz?
20	A In Wilmington.	20	A That's the officer that I filed a complaint against.
21	Q Prior to your incarceration, where did you live?	21	Q Why is he a defendant in this lawsuit?
22	A In Wilmington, Delaware.	22	A Because of what originated with Sergeant Dukes and
23	Q And how long were you a resident in Wilmington?	23	Officer Walker. It transpired in the same building.
24	A All my life. Since I was born.	24	Q But why did you file the lawsuit against Officer
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1	Q With whom did you live?	1	Page 9 Diaz?
2	A My mother.	2	
3	Q What is your highest level of education?	3	A Well, you want me to tell you the whole history of the thing with him?
4	A 9th grade.	4	Q Yes, please.
5	Q And where did you attend the 9th grade?	5	A All right. Sergeant Dukes is the sergeant of that
6	A P. S. DuPont.	6	building where I hurt my leg at.
7	Q What was the last full-time job you held prior to	7	Q Okay.
8	your incarceration?	8	A And so they rotate every other week he might work in
9	A I was working in Columbia, South Carolina, with the	9	the morning and then one week he work in the night.
10	city.	10	Q When you say he, who are you referring to?
11	Q And when was that?	11	A Sergeant Dukes.
12	A That was during the period when I was on escape from	12	Q Okay.
13	'81 to '82.	13	A So he ran the building. So Officer Diaz came on
14	Q And what was your responsibility?	14	working one night and I was playing Pinochle and I was
15	A I worked for the water department, you know, putting	15	sitting in the same spot like I'm sitting here now. He came
16	down fire hydrants.	16	down here and took his right elbow and winged me upside my
17	Q What was your rate of pay at that job?	17	neck. I mean, you know, with a proper blow.
18	A The cost of living was real low down there. So	18	So by me sitting out in the hallway playing
19	every two weeks, I was making about \$290.	19	Pinochle and the other guys on the other side, I looked back
20	Q Are you currently married?	20	to see if he had room to get by me, which he did. So after
21	A No, ma'am.	21	he left, I went up there and called his superior officer,
22	Q Do you have any children?	22	Sergeant Biles, and I explained to Sergeant Biles that
23	A Yes, ma'am.	23	Officer Diaz just assaulted me with his forearm. And
	A Yes, ma'am. Q How many children?	23 24	Officer Diaz just assaulted me with his forearm. And Sergeant Biles stood in the door with another officer, whose

EMANUEL W. REDDEN, Page 10 Page 12 1 name I don't remember. And Diaz was coming out to go by. 1 accident, really, until I looked back and seen he had enough 2 2 So as I was explaining to Sergeant Biles what room. Because, ma'am, I mean this cat winged me upside my 3 3 happened, he just laughed. And Sergeant Biles said, I want neck. I mean hard, you know, like a football player when 4 to see you in the office. So Diaz just laughed and 4 you're playing football. That's how hard he hit me. Then 5 5 snickered and went on in the office. he turned around and went out and I followed him up to the 6 So then Sergeant Biles came out. I said, what 6 gate where the sergeant was unlocking with the key, 7 happened? He said, I talked to him and that's the best I 7 unlocking the gate to come out. I told him, this officer 8 can do, you see. 8 just assaulted me. He said who? I said, Officer Diaz just 9 9 So I filed a grievance against him, which you hit me upside my neck for no reason. 10 should have a copy of that because I sent you paperwork on 10 So Officer Diaz was by himself? 11 that. And they conducted an investigation. 11 A Yes, ma'am. 12 So when I got my appeal back from Mr. Howard, 12 Q Now, you say that you were seated at a card table 13 the bureau chief, he upheld my grievance against him. So 13 playing Pinochle? 14 after that transpired, I filed my civil suit. 14 Yes, ma'am. 15 Q Okay. 15 What time of day was it? 16 A But I filed it after he locked me up from the Duke 16 That was in the night. 17 situation. After I filed a grievance, I seen Lieutenant 17 Do you recall the exact time? 18 Attallian when I was going to medical for injury to my leg 18 It had to be around like I'd say 7:30. Around 19 and explained to him what happened. And so they came over 19 20 there. When I came back from medical, a couple days later, 20 Q What building were you in? 21 they locked me up on the charge of two charges of group 21 In medium building. 22 demonstration and inciting a riot and put me in behavior 22 And, again, this was at Sussex Correctional? 23 modification because I filed the grievances. 23 Yes, ma'am. 24 24 Q So you're claiming you were put in behavior What tier were you on? Page 11 Page 13 1 modification because you filed these grievances? 1 A I don't know that area down there too good because I 2 A Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. I have been locked up ever 2 was only there for about a week when I got out of the 3 since. 3 hospital. 4 Q Okay. We are going to go through what you told me 4 Q Okay. Could you describe the tier, what it looked 5 just from the beginning. 5 like? 6 6 First, can you tell me the names of all the A Yes, ma'am. It was an open, dirty, filthy area. 7 correctional officers who were present when you claim the 7 And it had bunk beds like on a wall behind me and bunk beds 8

incident occurred on August 28th?

A There were no officers there. I complained to

Sergeant Biles. There was only one officer on the tier

11 during count and that was Officer Diaz that came by to

12 count, you know, as they do every half an hour. And then I

13 was on the way out the gate when I called the superior

14 officer because the superior officer was there to open up

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I called him to the gate at the time. He had another officer with him, whose name I can't recall. But during the investigation, Lieutenant Johnson found out who his name was but he never gave it to me.

20 Q So Officer Diaz was there with another officer?

21 A No. He came down the tier by himself.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And after he hit me, I looked back to see if he had

enough room to get by. Because I thought it was an

8 right up in the front, you know.

9 Q About how wide was the tier?

I'd say about the size of this room here.

11 Q So about --

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A From that wall right there to this wall. Because, 12

13 you know, including the bunks, you know.

14 So about 15 feet, 20 feet?

15 A I would say that's about 30 feet.

16 Thirty feet?

17 A Yes, ma'am. From that wall to this wall excluding

18 the bunks. But with the bunk bed out and the card table

19 there, the area then should have been about between me and

20 that locker should have been about four feet.

21 So how many card tables are there?

22 There was only one.

23 And how many bunks are there?

24 A I think it was about double bunks. Maybe about 25

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1	on that side of the block and 25 on the other side across	1	there for maybe about two days before they sent me to the
2	the hall.	2	infirmary for an injury to my neck. But prior to me being
. 3	Q So between the card table and the bunk beds, is	3	there, I was on the other side of the tier, you see. So I
4	there a lot of space to walk?	4	never wasn't really on this block for any period of time.
5	A Yes, ma'am. There is a locker there at the foot of	5	Q And the three of you were playing Pinochle?
6	the bed and that's what I looked back at when he went by and	6	A Yes, ma'am.
7	there was enough room for him to get by because I was	7	Q Before Officer Diaz allegedly hit you, did you see
8	sitting up at the table like this here because there was a	8	him on the tier?
9	dim light overtop of us.	9	A No, ma'am.
10	So I was sitting up at the table so I could see	10	Q So the first time you saw him was when he hit you?
11	the cards. Because these are not reading glasses, you see,	11	A Yes, ma'am. Because there was another officer that
12	these are for the distance. So I had to really focus on	12	was working there, too, a black officer. You know, they
13	looking at the cards, you know, because I didn't have my	13	would rotate. The same officers didn't count all the time
14	glasses on because I can't see with them on. So there was a	14	coming on the tier. But this was the first time I seen him
15	dim light there.	15	when he injured me by hitting me in the neck.
16	So I was focused on playing the cards. I was	16	Q Do you know why he was on the tier?
17	leaning forward. I wasn't leaning back actually in his way,	17	A To count. To make a punch. That is punch out there
18	you see. Because the chair that I was sitting on, you know,	18	at the back of the wall. And he had to go in there and make
19	was a little small chair. So I was leaning forward when he	19	his punch.
20	winged me with his right forearm to the neck.	20	Q Was this the first time that he had been on the tier
21	Q Was anyone else sitting with you at the card table?	21	to do the count?
22	A Yes, ma'am. New York was sitting to my right.	22	A Yes, ma'am. That I seen.
23	Q Who?	23	Q Okay. So you claim that Officer Diaz hit you. When
24	A New York.	24	Officer Diaz hit you, which direction was he coming from?
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1	Q Can you spell that?	1	A He was coming from this direction.
2	A Like New York City.	2	Q So from your right side?
3 4	Q Is that his nickname?	3	A Yes, ma'am. Because he hit me on the right side of
5	A Yes, ma'am. That's the only way name I know. I just came on the tier.	4	the neck with his right forearm.
. 6		5	Q So he was coming from your right side?
_	Q So you don't know his actual name?	6	A Yes, ma'am.
7 8	A Right.	7	Q And he hit you on the right side of the neck?
9	Q Do you have an SBI number?A No. And Salisbury, a brother from Salisbury,	8	A Yes, ma'am.
10	Maryland, was sitting to my left.	9	Q With his right forearm?
11	Q So his name isn't Salisbury, that's where he is	-10	A With all this here. Like this here. Just here with
12	from?	11	a hard hit in my neck area, you know.
	A Yes, ma'am.	12	Q Okay. And it was the right side of your neck?
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13		13	A Yes, ma'am. I'm not talking about a brushing hit.
14	Q Okay. So you were sitting with a guy whose nickname	14	I'm talking about a hard hit to my neck.
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Page 18 and reported him to his superior officer.

2 Q So you believe Officer Diaz was there at the

3 direction of Sergeant Dukes?

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A No. What it was, Sergeant Dukes run that building.

He would be there from like I think the time started in more

like either 7:00 to 3:00 or 8:00 to 4:00 and then he would

7 rotate and be on the second shift in charge. 4:00 to 12:00,

8 you know, every other week. But his influence and

9 everything is in that building, you see. But not on the

10 12:00 shift, on the 12:00 to 8:00 shift, where Sergeant Sam

11 Hastings runs the building. He doesn't have no influence

12 over him. So he has influence over officers that come in

and they knew what happened when I filed a grievance against 13

14 him and injured my leg, you see.

Q So you're claiming it was retaliation? 15

16 A Yes, ma'am.

17 Q And you believe Officer Diaz knew what was going on?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 And what makes you believe that he knew what was

20 going on between you and Sergeant Dukes?

21 A Because all of them communicate in the office. All

22 the officers knew about it that came in that building on

23 both shifts, you know.

24 Q Did the other people at the card table see Officer Page 20

name to Sergeant Biles and let him know that Officer Diaz,

2 this officer just assaulted me.

3 Q And before Playboy told you who Officer Diaz was,

4 you didn't know who Officer Diaz was?

5 A I never seen him before on that block, you know. At

6 least not while I was there. Because I told you I was there

7 only for a few days after being released from the infirmary.

8 Q When Officer Diaz hit you, did you say anything like

9 ouch or --

A No. It was sort of a shocking -- a shocking thing

11 that I went through. Because the blow was powerful. I'm

12 saying it was a shocking blow when somebody hit you. There

13 wasn't no ouch or whatever because I'm not an ouch kind of

14 man because I done took some blows before. So when he

winged me, you know, I thought I was actually in the wrong.

16 Because that's why I looked back and I thought I was in his

17 way or something, you know, when I seen that he had enough

room to get by.

19 He had about this much room to get by between

20 the tier and the locker box that was there. And that's when

21 he turned around and went back up there so I followed him up

22 to the gate when Sergeant Biles was there to let him out.

Q So the way he hit you, you meant he hit you so hard,

24 you didn't react in any kind of way? You weren't ready to

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Diaz hit you?

2 A No.

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3 Q Did they say anything to Officer Diaz?

4 A No. Because, like I said, there was a dim light

5 there. New York was playing and I was playing. We were so

6 focused on the card game. If you know how to play Pinochle

7 or whatever, it's a game that takes your whole concentration 8

when you're trying to get ahead or get a book or anything. 9 So we was so focused on the game and he came and hit me.

You know, that's when I looked back. I wasn't even thinking

11 of any of that, you know. I said, man, this cat just hit

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13 So the young Spanish brother that was just

14 coming on the tier named Playboy, he said, yeah, that's how

15 he is, you know.

And so I said, who was he? And this is when

Playboy said, that's Officer Diaz, you know, he is real 17

racist, you know, because I never met Diaz and never knew

19 him. But these guys were on the tier before me, you see.

20 Q So do you know Playboy's real name?

21 A No, ma'am. He is a Spanish brother. He went home,

22 though. See, they know you by them names.

23 Q But Playboy told you it was Officer Diaz?

A Yes, ma'am. That's how I was able to go take his

hit him?

A No, ma'am. Because, see, it was -- when we get into

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3 the Dukes deposition, all that will fit right in. But, see,

4 they was harassing me, going to my locker and said, you

5 know, I'm a Muslim, I don't smoke. They said, you just the

6 kind of candidate where they would hide the tobacco at. So

7 they kept raiding my locker all the time. It was a total

8 harassment thing period as long as I was in that building

9 until they moved me out into behavior modification, you see.

Q Did you file a grievance regarding Officer Diaz

11 hitting you?

12 A Yes, ma'am.

Q And when did you file the grievance?

14 A On here, I don't have it. On here, it don't have

15 the date.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Let me see if I put it in here. The incident

1.8 happened on the 28th, right, of August, 2004. I had had to

19 file that grievance the next day. It had to be around

20 August 29th somewhere. You might have a copy of this.

21 Because all I got -- because they don't give me no copies of

22 the grievance once you file it like they do here. So all I

23 got is the paperwork right here.

24 Q Okay.

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1	A Because here it says September 1st, 2004. Where it	1	copy of the transcript and the transcript will have copies
2	said review date. So September 1st, 2004, is when it was	2	of the exhibits with it.
3	filed.	3	
4	Q Okay. Did you suffer any injury as a result of	4	(Defendant's Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)
5	Officer Diaz allegedly hitting you?	5	BY MS. TROSS;
6	A Not immediately at that time or whatever. Because	6	
7	as I have been growing older, my body has been having like	7	Q Mr. Redden, the court reporter is handing you
8	delayed reactions to incidents. You know, like if I bump		Exhibit No. 1. Exhibit No. 1 is the complaint that you
9	into something, my body won't hurt or nothing until like	8	filed in this matter. Just take a moment to review it.
10	maybe two or three days later or something like that, you	9	A Okay.
11	know. So when my neck started hurting me, I was over on	10	Q Keep it. I'm going to ask you some questions based
12		11	on it.
13	sick call receiving treatment for my knee. So when I told	12	A I have my copy, too.
14	the nurse my neck is bothering me because the officer hit me	13	Q Let's use this copy since it's marked.
15	and everything, so she told me it was probably from the hair	14	A All right.
16	follicles in my head making my glands swell up. And I tried	1.5	Q Have you ever seen this document before?
1	to tell her, no, I was hit in the side of my neck. That's	16	A Yes, ma'am.
17	why my neck is swelled up, you see. And that's when I filed	17	Q This is the complaint you filed in this case,
18	my grievance, you know. Period.	18	correct?
19	Q Did she do anything for your neck?	19	A Yes, ma'am.
20	A No, ma'am.	20	Q Did you draft this complaint?
21	Q Did she give you any medication for your neck?	21	A Yes, ma'am.
22	A No, ma'am. Because I don't take medication like	22	Q Did you write all portions of the complaint?
23	that, any pain pills or whatever like that, you know.	23	A Yes, ma'am.
24	Q How long did the pain last in your neck?	24	Q Did anyone assist you in writing the complaint?
	Page 23		Page 25
1	A It wasn't like a long-lasting pain. It was a pain	1	A No, ma'am.
2	that came up like when the swelling came up, it might have	2	Q Is there anything in your complaint that you would
3	lasted maybe about a week of aching.	3	like to change?
4	Q Did you file a sick call slip at any time?	4	A Yeah. Ask for more money.
5	A Well, I was going to sick call every day. So I	5	Q Anything else?
6	didn't have to file none. I went over there. Like I said,	6	A No, ma'am.
7	I think I complained about it a couple days later because it	7	Q Okay. Let's turn to page three, section number
8	didn't really start bothering me until about two or three	. 8	four Could you please good out loud the good out
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2	A I said, Sergeant Biles, this guy just hit me, man,	2	laughed, you know, and went on to the office where he said
3	he just assaulted me, man, you know. I said, he just struck	3	that.
4	me on the side of my neck, man, for no reason, you know. I	4	Q Is it possible he was laughing because he thought
5	explained the situation to Sergeant Biles so he could get a	5	you were joking?
6	grasp and understanding of what was happening. That's when	6	A No, because he was taking Sergeant Biles as a joke,
7	the guy was going past said I want to see you in the office.	7	you know. That's the way I took it. Because I knew I
8	Sergeant Biles knowed that I'm a respectful	8	wasn't joking.
9	man. He know I don't play no games or anything. So he took	9	Q Okay.
10	me on my word without going through a whole bunch of	10	MS. TROSS: Could you please mark this as
11	questions.	11	Defendant's Exhibit No. 2?
12	He took the guy in the office and talked to	12	(Defendant's Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was
13	him. That's what he said.	13	marked for identification.)
14	Q And what did Sergeant Biles say to you specifically?	14	BY MS. TROSS:
15	A He said, I'll talk to him. And that's it.	15	Q The court reporter just handed you Defendant's
16	Q Was Officer Diaz present when you discussed the	16	Exhibit No. 2. Exhibit No. 2 is a grievance report. Take a
17	incident with Sergeant Biles?	17	moment to review it.
18	A Yes, ma'am. He was just coming through the gate at	18	A Okay. See, I never received a copy of this here.
19	the time. Sergeant Biles was like holding the gate open for	19	Q So have you ever seen this document before?
20	him to go through. So there was a whole gate area. So he	20	A No, ma'am.
21	was holding the gate open for him to go through and I was	21	Q Does it appear to be related to a grievance that you
22	standing on the side so I could talk to him. There was	22	filed?
23	another officer there, too, on the side with him.	23	A Yes, ma'am.
24	Q So you all are at the gate?	24	Q Do you recall filing the grievance?
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4	But this time, they put it down to fill in the space, you	4 you filed your grievance?
5	see.	5 A What I'm trying to explain to you, Ms. Tross, is
6	Q Okay.	6 once I filed a grievance, right, I filed a grievance and I
7	A They shortened it up like this here.	7 never heard anything back or whatever until after I was in
8	Q Okay. Let's just go through this a little further.	8 behavior modification where Lieutenant Smith came through
9	According to this grievance report, what is the	9 there and I explained to him. I knew Lieutenant Smith's
10	incident date?	10 grandfather when I was down there in the sixties and I
11	A 10:00 o'clock on here.	21 explained to him what happened because he came there to hear
12	Q No, not the time. The date.	12 another grievance that I filed against Dukes and he said,
13	A Oh.	13 well, I can tell you you can take it before the grievance
14	Q Do you see the second column, the fourth row down?	14 board.
15	A Oh, yes, ma'am.	15 So I never kept any of this stuff here from
16	Q What does that say?	16 Lieutenant Attallian. Nothing. This is the first time I
17	A September 1st. See, I mean this is the date that I	seen all this here. That's how they wrote it up.
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20	incident to file the grievance?	20 grievance was upheld?
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22	leader of the Muslims down there. See, I'm not like a type	22 Q How do you know it was upheld?
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Q And what happened?

About me being injured on my knee, I couldn't pray

regularly like I do on the floor. So I was sitting there

Q You said you were in the hole for 20 days?

incident, I have been locked up.

A Yes, ma'am. I have been here locked up now for the

same charges, ma'am, almost two years now. Ever since the

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2	received as a result of the incident with Officer Diaz.	2	A I said the pain only lasted about maybe a couple
3	What specific injuries do you claim that you	3	days, you know, three days at the most, you know, before the
4	received as a result of the incident?	4	swelling went down or whatever, you know.
5	A Well, right after the incident, see, I filed a	5	Q Are you currently receiving any treatment for your
6	grievance September 1st, as it says on there. They locked	6	neck pain?
7	me up September 3rd. And when I was in behavior	7	A No, ma'am.
8	modification, that's when I started having problems with my	8	Q When was the last time you filled out any sort of
9	neck.	9	sick call slip for your neck pain?
10	Q What type of problems?	10	A I never did.
11	A It swelled up and it was aching. So when they	11	Q Okay. And when was the last time you saw a nurse or
12	called me out to see the nurse, because I was going to see	12	a doctor for your neck pain?
13	the nurse in the morning and the evening while they was	13	A That same day when I was there, you know, in
14	fixing my leg, changing the bandage on my knee, that's when	14	behavior modification, you know.
15	I complained about my neck, the pain and stuff in my neck.	15	MS. TROSS: Could you please mark this as
16	And she told me it probably come from the hair follicles in	16	Defendant's Exhibit No. 3?
17	my head. And I explained to her, I said, no, it ain't	17	(Defendant's Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was
18	coming from my hair follicles in my head. I said, I was	18	marked for identification.)
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22	neck pain?	22	Q Exhibit No. 3 is a sick call slip.
23	A No, ma'am. Because I didn't have to. Because I was	23	A See, that's what happens when you get old. You
24	going over there to the infirmary twice a day, in the	24	don't remember everything.
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Page 50 Page 52 1 it turned into a big piece of scar tissue. 1 stuff in the penitentiary fighting against the officers, you 2 When did the stitches bust? 2 know. So they thought I still had the mindset when I came 3 A The same day that I had the operation on my head. 3 back from out of state. But my whole mindset has changed as 4 Q So this was in August 2001? 4 I became Muslim and grown, you see. 5 A Yes, ma'am. 5 I started using the pen. I stopped using my 6 Q Okay. All right. Let's discuss the damages you're 6 hands and started using the pen. That's when I filed the 7 asking for in your lawsuit. 7 Я A Yes, ma'am. 8 MS. TROSS: Okay. I have one last exhibit we 9 Q According to your complaint, you're requesting 9 are going to discuss. 10 \$8,500 in compensatory damages? 10 Can you please mark this as Defendant's Exhibit 11 A Yes, ma'am. 11 No. 4? 12 Q How did you arrive at that number? 12 (Defendant's Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was 13 A Well, because I arrived at that number basically 13 marked for identification.) 14 because I think that was a low amount, you know, for the 14 BY MS. TROSS: 15 incident and because of the intentions behind it and because 15 Q Okay. Defendant's Exhibit No. 4 is your response to 16 of the whole scenario of this whole conspiracy against me, 16 Defendant's Combined First Set of Interrogatories and 17 you know, that was led by Sergeant Dukes and the rest of the 17 Requests for Production of Documents. Take a moment to 18 officers in his command. So that's why I did that. Because 18 review it. 19 I was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment, you know, 19 A You can try to whip me with all this stuff, too, 20 and I was assaulted by this officer. And that's why I did 20 now. You need to go in private practice. Okay. 21 that. 21 Q Okay. Have you ever seen this document before? 22 Q Do you have any medical bills as a result of any 22 Yes, ma'am. 23 injury you claim you suffered? 23 Q And are these your responses to Defendant's Combined 24 A No, ma'am. 24 First Set of Interrogatories? Page 51 Page 53 1 Q Were you unable to work as a result of any injury? 1 A Yes, ma'am. 2 A I wasn't working at all anyway. 2 Okay. Let's turn for a moment to page number six, 3 Q According to your complaint, you're requesting 3 interrogatory number three. And in interrogatory number \$10,000 in punitive damages? 4 three, I asked you for every communication you have had with 5 A Yes, ma'am. 5 anyone other than your attorney concerning the alleged 6 How did you arrive at that number? 6 incident. And you answered that it was unavailable. 7 A Because he should be punished for that, you see. 7 What communications are you referring to that 8 Because that's the mindset of them officers down there, with 8 are unavailable? 9 Sergeant Dukes, you know. Sergeant Dukes is very racist and 9 Well, none, really. 10 any officers under his command that go against his like 10 So there aren't any? 11 control or whatever, there is a problem, you see. 11 No. Other than what I gave you. 12 I have been in the system 30 years. And the 12 Which is -13 mindset of Sergeant Dukes and them down in Georgetown, they 13 A The grievance form that I gave you, you know, 14 are very violent, very aggressive and they beat inmates down 14 recommendation and that stuff here. 15 there on a regular basis down in Georgetown, you see. And 15 Excuse me. When I was talking unavailable, I 16 that's why he was bumping me and trying to provoke me into 16 was talking about the results of the investigation and stuff 17 hitting him because of my past record of violence against 17 like that. The documents and stuff that I have, that is 18 the officers. Because when I came here when I was young, I 18 what I meant. I didn't know if this was going to come in 19 had a real sordid history against the officers here and they 19 while this was being processed or not. I didn't know what 20 stepped it back. 20 was going to happen so I left it unavailable. In case 21 When I came in the sixties when I was in the 21 something came in, I left myself open so I could give it to 22 Black Panther Party. It was the mindset of the officers 22 23 here in the south. This is the south and it was real racist 23 Q Did you ever receive the results? 24 24 here, you know. And so I picked up some assault charges and A No, ma'am. Because I was going to get the forms

Page 54 Page 56 1 that you just showed me from my original grievance and 1 So when I got over there to medium, everybody 2 stuff. I never got anything. 2 said, what are you doing over here, he should be in max, you 3 Q Okay. And the next interrogatory, interrogatory 3 shouldn't be walking around here. So I'm putting myself on number four, I asked you for every communication you have 4 4 the top bunk and Sergeant Dukes come in and shaking my hand 5 had with the defendant concerning the alleged incident. And 5 and everything and then introducing himself, you know. 6 you said that the communication was unavailable. What 6 Everybody says, man, that's the first time he ever come in 7 communication are you referring to? 7 here and shook somebody's hand and all that there. So, you 8 A None. 8 know, I said, okay, well, you know, it ain't nothing. 9 Q So there wasn't any communication with the 9 So they got me on the top bunk and the top bunk 10 defendant? 10 meant I was security screen, not a regular bunk. There was 11 A No. I was just keeping myself open just in case I 11 tack weld there so the edges wasn't filed there. It was a 12 got them documents in. That's what I was waiting on. 12 security screen, you know, like would be placed on windows 13 Q Okay. Let's turn to page seven. Interrogatory 13 or something like that, you know. And the edges wasn't 14 number six. I asked you for any prior or subsequent 14 filed down. 15 grievances you filed concerning any and all interactions 15 As I was climbing up on the bunk, a piece of 16 with the defendant and you said that the grievances were 16 edge went into my left knee. And so a boil came up on my unknown. Do you now know what grievances you filed against 17 17 knee. And then it busted. And it started draining. My leg 18 the defendant? 18 swelled up real bad. 19 A No, ma'am. Other than what I originally filed. 19 So I asked them for some medical attention, you 20 Q So there is no other grievances? 2.0 know. And they refused me medical attention for about five 21 A No. 21 or six days. My leg swelled up and everything. So I was 22 Q All right. Let's turn to page number eight. 22 going over there to receive treatment for that. 23 Interrogatory number eight, you state that the inmates York 23 Q Okay. And what type of daily medical attention were 24 and Salisbury witnessed the incident. 24 you receiving? Page 55 Page 57 1 Again, you don't know the actual names of the 1 A Well, what happened after I injured my leg, they 2 two inmates who were seated with you at the card table? 2 kept me from sick call for so long, after filing sick calls 3 A No, ma'am. They could find them down there. 3 and everything to get over there, the poison in my knee 4 Sergeant Biles and them, all the officers and everybody know started eating down to my bone. 4 them by that, their names. 5 5 Q The what in your knee? 6 Q So York and Salisbury, that's their nicknames? 6 A The poison. The infection. So what happened there, 7 A Yes, ma'am. 7. I had to get my knee washed every day and they had to take Q And it's according to where they are from? 8 some type of material and stuff it down in my knee and leave 9 A Yes, ma'am, 9 it there and get it pulled out with a knife so they could 10 Q Okay. In interrogatory number nine, you state that 10 pull the pus and everything out because they didn't want the 11 you were already receiving daily medical attention for a 11 top of my knee to close up before the bottom part was 12 prior injury. 12 cleaned out. So I had to get daily treatment for this and 13 Could you please explain what the prior injury 13 get my knee washed and measured and everything like that. 14 was? 14 Q In interrogatory number ten, and we are still on 15 A When I went down to Georgetown and moved over into 15 page eight, I asked you for each document in your possession 16 Dukes' building, Sergeant Dukes came in there. They had a 16 and control that relate to the injuries you allegedly 17 big meeting after this guy got killed up here. In July of 17 sustained from the alleged incident. 18 2004, they moved me from maximum security down there to 18 And you answered that documents were 19 medium. So when I'm in there, Sergeant Dukes come in there 19 unavailable, 20 and shake my hand and everything. Because after the 20 What documents are you referring to? 21 incident came up, they went through everybody's record and 21 A The same ones that you just showed me about my 22 everything. So they had a big meeting down there and they 22 results of my grievance and everything down in DC.

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Q The results of your grievance?

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1	you get a copy of all of that. But I never got a copy of	1	Q	Yes.
2	anything other than what I gave you.	2	-	Robbery.
3	Q Okay. Let's flip to page ten, interrogatory number	3		And when did your present incarceration begin?
4	13. You state that, after filing your grievance, you were	4		In December '77. 1977.
5	locked up in a behavioral modification unit as an act of	5	Q	And what sentence did you receive for robbery?
6	retaliation?	6		They gave me three years for the robbery charge and
7	A Yes, ma'am.	7		ears for the same gun. I got two five year charges.
8	Q Again, can you just explain when you were locked up	8		So two five year charges for having a gun?
9	in the behavior modification unit?	9		Yes, ma'am. Consecutive it was, which is mandatory.
10	A September 3rd. September 3rd.	10		So that's only 13 years.
11	Q And how long were you locked up there?	11	-	Yes, ma'am.
12	A They kept me for ten days.	12		So why are you still incarcerated?
13	Q So until September 13th?	13		Well, I told you, ma'am. The officers has been
14	A Around that time. Then they moved me across the	14		lting me, jumping me and I picked up the time in here.
15	hall to the hole to do the 20 days for the inciting a riot.	15		Okay.
16	Q So you stayed in the hole until approximately	16	-	In prison.
17	October 3rd?	17		Were your original criminal charges for robbery
18	A Around that time. Yes, ma'am, I believe.	18		ved by plea or by trial?
19	Q Okay. All right. Have you ever spoken with or	19		By trial.
20	written to Officer Diaz regarding the incident?	20		Approximately how much of your adult life have you
21	A No, ma'am.	21		incarcerated?
22	Q Have you ever spoken with or written to him	22	-	The majority of it.
23	regarding the injuries you claim you received?	23		Have you ever been convicted of a crime of
24	A No, ma'am.	24		nesty besides robbery, such as perjury?
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2	to file an answering brief. If you file an answering brief,	3	INDEX DEPONENT: EMANUEL W. REDDEN, JR. PAGE
3 -	I have the ability to file a reply brief. This will then	4	Examination by Ms. Tross 2
4	conclude the briefing process for my summary judgment	5	
5	motion.	6	
6	Do you have any procedural questions you would		EXHIBITS
7	like to ask me? But please understand that I cannot provide	7 8	DEFENDANT'S DEPOSITION
8	you legal advice. Do you have any procedural questions?	9	NUMBER DESCRIPTION MARKED
9	A You know I'm locked up in here. I don't have access	10	1 Form to be Used by a Prisoner in 24
10	to a law library or anything. Only through paper writing,		Filing a Complaint Under the Civil
11	you know.	11	Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1983
12	Q Okay.	12 13	2 Grievance Report 32 3 Delaware Department of Corrections 44
13	A So I wouldn't even know how to respond to your	13	3 Delaware Department of Corrections 44 Request for Medical/Dental Sick
14	summary judgment.	14	Call Services
15	Q Well, what you could do is, once you receive my	15	4 Defendant's Combined First Set of 52
16	summary judgment motion, the court has then given you a		Interrogatories and Requests for
17	certain amount of time to answer. You could then take it to	16	Production of Documents Directed
18	the law library or submit a copy to the law library for	17	to Plaintiff
19	assistance in responding. And they should be able to help	18	
20	you with that.	19	•
21	A The guy here, they don't do it like that.	20	
22	Q Okay. Well, then I would say just file a response	21	
23	to the best of your ability.	22 23	
24	A Okay.	24	
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1 2	Q Do you have any other procedural questions?A Well, no.	1	
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6	MS. TROSS: Okay. So that concludes this	5	
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